**Sunday**

**Sept 22nd**

 **2024**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603

**Sunday, September 22nd, 2024**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

 Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg

 Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 4:1

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord**

**\*Song - PH 239 Amid the Thronging Worshipers**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of the Law From the Epistles (PH pg. 1014)

**Song - LUYH 682 Before the Throne of God Above**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Hope Haven & Budget

Children’s Message

Special Music: Marion Read “God & God Alone”

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 7:7-12**

Text: **Matthew 7:7-12**

Message: **Ask, Seek, Knock**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 209 Seek Ye First the Kingdom (Verses 1-2)**

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: LUYH 543 Now Thank We All Our God (Verse 3)**

Postlude

 \* Please stand if you are able

**On this first Sunday of Fall,** as the seasons are changing, Psalm 111:1-2 reminds us “Great are the works of the Lord, they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds and His righteousness endures forever.” We welcome everyone as we worship together today.

**Ushers for October:**  Jacob Post, Jerry Runia; Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad

**Elevator Attendant for October:** Cyndi Ulvestad

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism

Wed: 7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group

Thurs: 3:45 – 5:30 GEMS

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. Please keep in prayer **Carla,** the sister of **Claudia Tofte,** during this time as she recently developed a blood clot on the lining of her aorta.
2. Please keep in prayer **Ross Tellinghuisen** and his family, as he recently underwent a biopsy concerning a few spots that were found to see if they are cancerous.  Please especially pray for the Lord’s peace and strength as they await the results.

**Announcements:**

1. **High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
2. **Junior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**.  Bring a friend!
3. **Youth Group Meal Sign Up -** With youth group starting back up, Volga CRC will be providing the meal on the third Wednesday of each month as has been done in the past.  If you are interested in serving in this way, please sign up on the sign-up sheet out in the lobby, which you can find on the coffee counter.  Thank you for your consideration!
4. **Feedback From Congregational Meeting -** If you have any feedback regarding topics that were brought up at our annual congregational meeting, please send along correspondence, either letter or email, to the church council that can be presented at future meetings so we can take in everyone’s input on these matters.  Also, please feel free to send correspondence regarding other things you’d like to bring up to the council as well.  Thank you!
5. **The GEMS** are selling greeting cards, puzzles, and other misc. items as their annual fundraiser.  We appreciate your support when the girls contact you.

**Looking Ahead:**

* The deadline for information to be included in the October issue of our church newsletter will be **September 25th, 12 PM**.  Please submit information to Marge Kleinjan, Brenda Volkers, or Pastor Josh.

**Advance: Dakota Sun Ministry for October 6th:**

* In charge: Kevin & Tanya Triebwasser, Katie Hoogwerf (piano)
* To visit: Bob Hoogwerf, Chester Vanderzee, Doug Post Family

**Our Offerings:**

* September 22nd: Hope Haven & Budget
* September 29th: Building Project & Budget
* October 6th: Volga Christian School
* October 13th: Option 1 & Budget

**Our Council:**  Pastor Joshua Carpenter

* Elders: Ron Gross, Ashton Fey, Doug Post, Dale Algood
* Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Keith Tofte
* **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

**Groundwork: Dry Bones And God's Promises Of Restoration** - Have you ever felt so hopeless that anything and everything remotely good seems impossible and out of reach? Join Groundwork as we study the hope filled imagery in Ezekiel 37 and 47 to remember God’s great love for his people, how seriously he takes his promises, and how deeply we can trust that one day he will fully restore us too. Groundworkonline.com

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